

**We are pleased and honored  
to welcome you to**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday July 27, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 PM For the people of the parish living & deceased

**Sunday July 28, 2019 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Anastasio Getman req. by the Wengloski family

10:30 AM +Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, July 29, 2019 St. Martha**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop &  
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Wednesday July 31, 2019 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Venosh

Family req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday August 1, 2019 St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop &  
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Friday August 2, 2019 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St.  
Peter Julian Eymard, priest**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Lepry family req

By Mackie Boone

**Saturday August 3, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 PM Joyce Fox req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

**Sunday August 4, 2019 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Marie Pomerleau req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM +Julie Coscia req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 1,197.00

Today's second collection is for Building & Maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for extraordinary expenses.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us.  
(St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the  
8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at  
7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful  
1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis  
Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

### **Weekend August 3 & 4**

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Genevieve Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Becca Wheaton

**Knights of Columbus Meeting Thursday August 1 @  
7:00pm**

### **Military Service Honor Roll**

LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines

Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army

Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army

Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG

E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army

HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy

Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army

Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz

SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army

Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> Marines

AM2 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

PO 2 Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

Sergeant Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN2 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT3 Rocky Spedalieri Jr., U.S. Army

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

### **Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service**

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask for Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray for Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. William Olesik, Our Holy Father, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Brian Romanowski, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB

Lord God give us holy priests, maintain in them holiness. Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep. May the Blood of Jesus always help them. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**CCD Registration.** Although CCD class are a few months away, we need to register now so that classroom space can be planned. Classes are assigned to space depending on how large the class is. Some of the spaces available to us are quite small. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible.

God Bless you ~ *Jim*

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



### BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Lebanon Social Services is in need of the following items for their Back to School Program:

- 1½ Binders (various colors)
- Loose leaf paper
- Dividers for the notebooks
- Pens
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Heavy duty backpacks for the high schoolers
- Pocket folders
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Lunch bags,

PLEASE NO spiral notebooks.  
Donations may be left in the Giving Basket next to the side entrance to Church.  
**Please bring in your donations by August 4th.**



Fair is coming upon us very soon. **Now is the time to sign-up.** The sign-up sheet will be at the side entrance of the Church. An interesting fact that was passed down, **the Fair has been going on for 60 years and we have had the privilege of selling soda for all 60 years!** I think this is terrific. This is the biggest fund raiser the Ladies Guild has each year, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** All of the money raised stays in our parish. There are the volunteers that come back each year, thank you for that. But we need more people; big jobs go much smoother with more hands. If you have questions please give me a call 860.420.7221.

Thank you again and see you at the Fair!  
Estelle Elliott

### PLEASE HELP US FILL BOXES OF JOY.

The Ladies Guild, with your help, will again send Christmas blessings to children around the world through the *Box of Joy* program. The program is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups across the United States and facilitated by *Cross Catholic Outreach*. Together we can gather items needed to fill Box of Joy shoeboxes. The Guild will supply the boxes, all you have to do is help fill them, **all items must fit in a 10" shoebox.** Lists of suggested items can be found at the Church entrances. **COLLECTION DATES:** June 8 to July 28. Please put items in the collection box by the side entrance. For more information, please contact Estelle at 860.420.7221

[estelle7moddus@yahoo.com](mailto:estelle7moddus@yahoo.com)



**Come join the Knights of Columbus at our 11th Annual "Knights at the Ballpark" on Friday, August 16, 2019.** Fireworks follow the game! Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold at Church entrances after all

Masses on August 3 & 4 and August 10 & 11. If you can't make the August 16 game, but would still like to go to a different game, all you need to do is present your ticket at the box office on the day of the game you wish to see. You will be given an even-exchange for that game. For questions or more information, please call Bob Nejako at 860.456.0301 or 860.930.0226 **SEE YOU AT THE GAME!**



### Programs at Enders Island, Mystic 860.536.0565 [www.endersisland.com](http://www.endersisland.com)

\*\*\***Looking for God in the Garden** August 2-4 \$230pp shared room or \$290pp private room

Register at [www.enders.is/GardenWeekend](http://www.enders.is/GardenWeekend)

\*\*\***Illuminated Christmas Card** August 4-9. Learn the ancient techniques of illumination while creating your own Christmas Card. Commuter (incl. lunch & dinner) \$660. Shared room \$985, private room \$1,135. Check-in Sunday 4:30pm, departure Friday 1:00pm. Register at [www.enders.is/ChristmasCard](http://www.enders.is/ChristmasCard)

\*\*\***Day of Recollection** Wednesday August 7th. \$50pp' Retreat begins with Mass at 9:00am and includes a three-course hot lunch. Register at [www.enders.is/AugDOR](http://www.enders.is/AugDOR)

\*\***Recovery Retreats for Men:** August 9-11, November 15-17.



### SPECIAL HOLIDAY TRIP

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild is offering a trip to see the Miracle of Christmas holiday spectacle at the Sight and Sound Theatre located in Lancaster, PA. The audience will go back in time and witness the greatest birth in history. People will witness the bustling village of Bethlehem as live animals pass by. You will see legions of angels descend upon the shepherds to proclaim "The Saviour is born!" The trip also includes a visit and dinner with an Amish family and much more.

The trip will take place December 4-6, 2019 and includes deluxe motor-coach, 2 nights in a hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, sightseeing and admission to activities outlined on the itinerary. Cost is \$471pp double - \$597pp single. Deposits are being taken at this time. Contact Cathy Russi at 860.887.9621 or [crussi45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crussi45@sbcglobal.net) for more information or with any questions.



**Thank you for your generous donation of \$944.00 to Outreach to Haiti for the people of Haiti through the Mission Co-op.** Your support and generosity makes a significant difference to many lives in Haiti. It is wisely invested in evidence-based programs and services. Because of you and people like you,

we are able to bring 100 malnourished children to appropriate weight to height each year. You also make possible our efforts to support university and vocational school students with tuition assistance, books and fees and most recently the opportunity for some of them to participate in our internship program. Our goal is to provide basic human services that provide a pathway out of poverty for the people we serve. Through your partnership with Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti, you are helping to save and change the lives of the most vulnerable in Haiti. We thank you on their behalf for playing a very important role in meeting this daily challenge. With gratitude, Susan Wallace Executive Director.



## Sunday School Begins September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 3, & 5. ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering. Class cannot be held without volunteers.** U-R qualified if you are over 16 and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth **If you could volunteer, please call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711. Registrations for classes is ongoing.**



### {CCD Project for Haiti}

Thank you to the generous members of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish for your donation of \$1,618.74 to assist the work of the Haitian Health Foundation. We will use \$750 to purchase Solar Light Kits and Powdered Milk. We will provide 10 Haitian

families with solar kits, which will give each of them a small solar panel that powers bulbs for indoor lighting. Among the many benefits is that children will be able to study in the house at night instead of having to walk to the nearest street lamp to do homework. The solar panel also powers a rechargeable radio, so families can have access to news, sports broadcasts etc., as well as severe weather alerts and important health notifications. The remaining \$868.47 will be used to purchase fortified whole milk powder for distribution to malnourished infants and children, pregnant and nursing women, and others in need of supplemental nutrition. Recipients are taught to use only water that has been boiled and cooled to re-hydrate the milk. HHF purchases the powdered milk in Haiti to help boost the local economy. The cost of the milk is beyond the economic reach of the impoverished people we serve, especially now, when inflation has caused the price of all essential goods to nearly triple.

Saint Francis of Assisi Church has reached out with kindness and caring to the people of Haiti through HHF for many years. We extend our gratitude to your parish family for their continued generous support.

With appreciation,

Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr., DDS, MS, MPH, President

Marilyn Lowney, MS, CPH, Executive Director

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm.
- ❖ **Healing Mass:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 2pm. Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** July 18 @ 6pm at St. Patrick, Mystic.
- ❖ **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 21-27<sup>th</sup>** ~ the slogan for this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is: Love, Naturally! Cooperating with God's design for married love. Natural Family Planning is medically safe with no harmful side effects, is 99 percent effective at achieving or postponing pregnancy without the use of chemicals, is easy to learn and use, and is in keeping with God's design for married love. Read more about NFP at [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) or [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Or, for more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312. Ongoing NFP classes are offered within the diocese by certified instructor couples.
- ❖ **Save the Date Catholic Charities 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** Join us for a swing and a prayer on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club for Catholic Charities' 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Visit [www.ccfns.org](http://www.ccfns.org) for more details. Sponsorships available! 860-889-8346 ext. 264

### **Diocesan News and Events Newsletter Sign-up**

Now you can get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. Connecting area Catholics to Church, faith and the common good with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities. It's informative, it's weekly, and it's free!

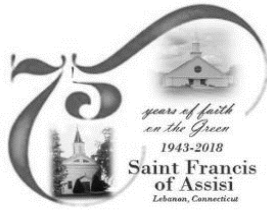
Visit [norwichdiocese.org/newsletter](http://norwichdiocese.org/newsletter) to sign up today.

Last week was Natural Family Planning Week. For more information about NFP visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) or [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). You may also call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860.848.2237, Ext. 312. Ongoing NFP classes are offered within the diocese by certified instructor couples.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several open Masses during 2019. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.



## **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

### **ON THIS DATE: July 24 -28, 1967...**

*The second year of summer religious instruction was held under the direction of Lorraine Woodward. The classes were open to children of the Church, grades one through six. The school featured Rosary study, crafts and singing. During the closing program, seventeen children received diplomas and medals. The children recited the Rosary, lit a candle for each prayer, sang and answered questions on what they learned. Art and craft work was left on display for parishioners to view at Sunday Masses.*

*Eventually, this led to the first interfaith summer school which included not only St. Francis, but the Baptist and Congregational Churches as well; 110 children were registered that year in the first such program held locally.*

**PHOTOS OF THE WINE AND ICE CREAM SOCIALS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE**

### **OUTDOOR MASS, PICNIC & ANNIVERSARY CLOSING**

**Sunday August 25**

**Outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.,**

**followed by the parish picnic and anniversary closing.**

Please bring lawn chairs for both Mass and the Picnic.

Please bring a dish to share.

Food, friendship, games and crafts for the kids.

**FOR PICNIC PLANNING PURPOSES, IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING, there will be sign-up sheets at the Church entrances starting August 3-4;**

**WE NEED A HEAD COUNT BY AUGUST 18.**

**MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEKEND AS A SEPARATE FLIER.**

**WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!**

*We only have 28 days to celebrate.*

### **SAINT MARTHA:**

According to the Gospel of Luke: As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. When Martha asked that her sister, Mary, help her to prepare dinner, Jesus, feeling that Martha was too pre-occupied with household chores, stated that Mary had chosen the better part.

July 29th is the Feast Day of St. Martha. She is the patron saint of servants and cooks. (Taken from Catholic Online)

### **SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS:**

St. Peter Chrysologus, **Bishop** and **Doctor** of the Church (Feast-July 30) Born at Imola, **Italy** in 380, **St. Peter** was baptized, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, **Bishop** of Imola. **St. Peter** merited being called "Chrysologus" (golden-worded) from his exceptional oratorical eloquence. In 433, Pope Sixtus III consecrated him **bishop** of Ravenna. He practiced many **corporal** and spiritual works of mercy, and ruled his flock with utmost diligence and care. He extirpated the last vestiges of **paganism** and other abuses that had sprouted among his people, cautioning them especially against indecent dancing. "Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil," he remarked, "cannot rejoice with Christ." He also counseled the heretic **Eutyches** (who had asked for his support) to avoid causing division but to learn from the other **heretics** who were crushed when they hurled themselves against the Rock of Peter. He died at Imola, **Italy** in 450 and in 1729 was made a **Doctor** of the Church, largely as a result of his simple, practical, and clear sermons which have come down to us, nearly all dealing with Gospel subjects. (Taken from Catholic Online)

### **SAINT ALPHONSUS:**

St. Alphonsus was born in the village of Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696. At a tender age his pious mother inspired him with the deepest sentiments of piety. The education he received under the auspices of his father, aided by his own intellect, produced in him such results that at the early age of sixteen, he graduated in law. Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neopolitan bar. In 1723, he lost a case, and God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world.

In spite of all opposition he now entered the ecclesiastical state. In 1726, he was ordained a priest. He exercised the ministry at various places with great fruit, zealously laboring for his own sanctification. In 1732, God called him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the object of laboring for the salvation of the most abandoned souls. Amid untold difficulties and innumerable trials, St. Alphonsus succeeded in establishing his Congregation, which became his glory and crown, but also his cross. The holy founder labored incessantly at the work of the missions until, about 1756, he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha, a diocese he governed until 1775, when broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office to retire to his convent, where he died. Few saints have labored as much, either by word or by writing, as St. Alphonsus. He was a prolific and popular author, the utility of whose works will never cease. His last years were characterized by intense suffering, which he bore with resignation, adding voluntary mortifications to his other pains. His happy death occurred at Nocera de Pagani, August 1, 1787.

(Taken from Catholic Online)